In the 2022 Global Hunger Index, South Africa ranks 59th out of the 121 countries with sufficient data to calculate 2022 GHI scores. With a score of 12.9, South Africa has a level of hunger that is moderate.

The Global Hunger Index (GHI) is a tool for comprehensively measuring and tracking hunger at global, regional, and national levels. GHI scores are based on the values of four component indicators:

- **Undernourishment**: the share of the population with insufficient caloric intake.
- **Child wasting**: the share of children under age five who have low weight for their height, reflecting acute undernutrition.
- **Child stunting**: the share of children under age five who have low height for their age, reflecting chronic undernutrition.
- **Child mortality**: the share of children who die before their fifth birthday, partly reflecting the fatal mix of inadequate nutrition and unhealthy environments.

These four indicators are aggregated as follows:

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\text{GHI Score} = \frac{1}{3} \text{Undernourishment} + \frac{1}{6} \text{Child stunting} + \frac{1}{6} \text{Child wasting} + \frac{1}{3} \text{Child mortality}
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**NOTE**: All indicator values are standardized.

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